

Cuba and erstwhile USSR are presently in India under the terms of Sports Protocol.

(b) Generally all contracts of foreign coaches engaged by Sports Authority of India, are for an initial period of one year.

(c) A suggestion had been made that the period of contract should be reduced to one year.

(d) As contracts are generally only for one year initially, reduction in the contract period does not arise. However, extension of contract is agreed, when the work of the coach is found to be good and useful to us.

Platform Tickets

*370. SHRINIRMAL KANTICATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the rate of platform tickets was raised during the last three years;

(b) the extent of increase made each time; and

(c) the additional revenue earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) There has been no increase in the price of platform tickets in the last three years.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Air Pollution In Delhi

*371. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the stone crushing activities in and around Delhi are causing air pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any complaints have been received in this regard; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps being taken by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Stone crushing operations do create air pollution if they are operated without control specified in the consent conditions.

(c) Several complaints have been received from residents of Rajokri village and of Lal Kuan which highlight the pollution caused by stone crushers operating without adequate controls and the health hazards from exposure to the dust.

(d) A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT

The Government have taken the following steps:-

(i) Ambient air quality standards around stone crushers have been prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Act; 1986;

(ii) Environment guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of stone crushers;

(iii) Stone crushers have been asked to comply with consent requirements of the Central Pollution Control Board to limit the admission within the stipulated standards;